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'WE WILL WIN'

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, addressing men of the 29th Infantry Division.

PARIS, Dec. 22 (UP).—The text of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's order of the day:

The enemy is making his supreme effort to break out of the desperate plight into which you forced him by your brilliant victories of the summer and fall.

He is fighting savagely to take back all that you have won and is using every treacherous trick to deceive and kill you.

He is gambling everything, but already in this battle your gallantry has done much to foil his plans. In the face of your proven bravery and fortitude he will completely fail.

But we cannot be content with his mere repulse. By rushing out from his fixed defenses the enemy may give us a chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat.

So I call upon every man of all the Allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort.

Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him!

United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight, we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory.

Northern Nazi Drive Halted; Foe Overruns Luxembourg

BULLETIN

PARIS, Dec. 22 (UP).—The Germans have driven at least 27 miles into southeastern Belgium to the town of La Roche, it was announced officially tonight.

PARIS, Dec. 22 (UP).—American First Army troops have stopped the northern wing of the German counter-offensive in Belgium after a maximum penetration of about 40 miles, but the situation in the south is "critical," with the Germans overrunning most of northern Luxembourg, front dispatches reported tonight.

German Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt was reported to have swung the main weight of his offensive to the southern end of the 60-mile front after being stopped 20 miles short of the Meuse River below Liege in the north. Berlin said the Nazis were meeting stiff resistance on the southern flank from troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army rushed up from the Saar front.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a ringing order of the day, meanwhile called on his armies to turn Adolf Hitler's "great gamble into his worst defeat." Eisenhower said the German offensive will "completely fail."

The Germans claimed several spearheads had driven over the Ourthe River in southeastern Belgium and that other Nazi forces had captured St. Vith, at the southeastern base of their northern spear-

head. Berlin claimed the number of Allied prisoners taken had soared to 25,000 and that the number of killed and wounded was "many times higher."

A dispatch from United Press war correspondent Ronald Clark, at 21st Army group headquarters in the Low Countries, reported:

"The maximum penetration into Belgium is under 40 miles and the long salient reaching out to within 20 miles of the Meuse River would be particularly vulnerable to an air offensive."

Supreme headquarters had revealed that as of Tuesday a Nazi spearhead had driven about 30 miles into Belgium, cutting the vital Liege-Bastogne supply highway 14 miles below Liege.

Clark's dispatch pointed out, however, that the crisis was not yet past although it was believed that the enemy now had committed a substantial part of the forces he had massed for the present offensive. He reported that the main German drive had been switched southward toward the Bastogne area in Belgium just west of the Luxembourg border, and a dispatch from First Army headquarters said most of northern Luxembourg was in enemy hands.

A First Army staff officer said the Germans were continuing to advance in the south and he described the situation there as "critical." Despite rain and fog, American fighter-bombers flew 112 sorties over the southern sector while British medium bombers hit an unspecified communications center behind the enemy lines.

Mayor Urges Washington Act Fast on Meat Crisis

By HARRY RAYMOND

Mayor LaGuardia demanded yesterday that Federal authorities take immediate action to avert what he called a "meat crisis" in New York City.

After conferring with meat dealers and representatives of the Meat Cutters Union, AFL, on the proposed Christmas Day shutdown, the Mayor said:

"Washington cannot stand idly by in a situation where dealers want to comply with the law."

Albert T. Wendel, retail butchers leader, declared final action on the strike would be made at a meeting in Manhattan Center Sunday at 1 p.m.

"The dealers and employees have assured me," said Mayor LaGuardia, "that they will buy all the meat available at lawful ceiling prices and retail it at lawful ceiling prices. The dealers have also agreed that they would see to it that whatever meat is available at lawful ceiling prices will be distributed to all sections of the city. As many stores will open as there is meat to sell."

The Mayor assured the dealers and employees that the entire force of the Department of Markets will aid in supervision of sales of meat. "If," he declared, "any wholesaler who has meat refuses to sell it at lawful wholesale ceiling prices, the city will offer to buy it. If the wholesaler refuses to sell, appropriate action will be taken by the city."

LaGuardia appealed to consumers to cooperate with this policy.

He made public a message he sent to War Food Administrator Marvin Jones, Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson and OPA Administrator Chester Bowles stating retail butchers had pledged to continue business operations if they could secure meat at legal wholesale ceiling prices.

The Mayor said neither he nor the federal government could compel anyone to "do business by violating the law and paying more than ceiling prices." He recommended that federal officials apply the following three-point program:

1. An immediate order allocating the proper meat supply to the New York area.
2. Proper supervision of sale to retailers under existing regulations of lawful ceiling prices.
3. Modification and amendment of regulations to assure continued flow of meat in accordance with proper proportion of supply to the area based on population.

DELICATESSEN PARLEY

Promising relief in the meat situation "in several days," regional price administrator Daniel P. Woolley yesterday told representatives of delicatessen store owners "to lay their pistols down" and tell their association members to withdraw their threat of a shutdown some time after New Year.

An Editorial Drive Out Black Market Meat

THE situation in the New York meat industry has changed. Instead of fighting price ceiling enforcement, meat dealers have now united with labor, consumers and the city administration to wipe out the black market and to preserve and enforce current ceiling prices.

The aim of the united campaign is to get the War Food Administration to set ceilings on livestock and to adopt some form of subsidy, if necessary. Lack of these ceilings has been the primary cause of the difficulty.

The meat retailers have agreed that, starting Tuesday, they will sell only meat obtained at ceiling prices. There will not be enough of this meat to go around, and there will be some chiselers.

Success of the move, therefore, depends upon cooperation from consumers. Consumer, labor and civic organizations should immediately get behind it.

Do not buy meat at black market prices. Get your organization into action against those who sell at above ceiling prices.

Send letters and wires to Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator in Washington, insisting on meat at ceiling prices for New York and the setting of price ceilings on livestock.

Joseph Spiro, attorney for the Bronx Delicatessen Dealers, said kosher delicatessen dealers were meeting Tuesday afternoon at Webster Hall to determine future action. Delicatessen representatives reported to Woolley that although stocks of processed meats like pastrami, corned beef and tongue seemed plentiful, the small retailer couldn't obtain any unless he paid higher than ceiling prices.

Woolley disclosed that 14,500,000 pounds of meat came into the city last week, a higher total than in many months. He said there were no reasons for cries of shortage.

Delicatessen dealers said they would sincerely attempt to keep stores from closing but stressed some form of relief was imperative or else retailers would be driven out of business. Joseph Belsky, vice-president of the AFL Meat Cutters, told the group that a shutdown would not solve the problem.

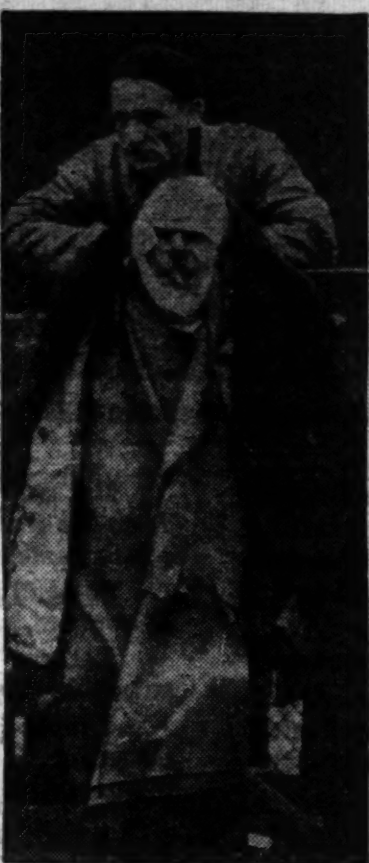
Morris Horn, AFL business manager of provision handlers, said that his members were conducting a survey to see where meat was being sent to evade ceilings.

The key to the whole situation, Woolley stressed, is the stabilization of prices of meat on the hoof.

Hammer Last Ormoc Salient of Japanese

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, LEYTE, Philippines, Dec. 22 (UP).

—The American 32nd Infantry and First Cavalry divisions hammered today at the flanks of a Japanese salient approximately 3½ miles wide along the Ormoc-Limon road in a drive to crush the last segment of a Japanese defense line in the Ormoc corridor of western Leyte.



A Dutch civilian injured in the Nazi V-2 bomb attack on Holland, is being cared for by a first aid worker.

Britain to Add 250,000 to Army

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The British Government today announced that 250,000 new front line troops would be provided soon through a new call-up of civilians and reclassification of certain individuals already in the armed services.

Taylor Case Breaks Into Southern Press

The commercial daily press of the South, as represented by the Birmingham News, yielded last Tuesday to the country-wide pressure in the case of Mrs. Recy Taylor, of Abbeville, Ala., and announced that the rape of the young Negro wife and mother on Sept. 3, last, by a gang of white youths "was being investigated by the state."

The accompanying photostat of the item in the Birmingham News of Dec. 19 gives the extent, to date, of the Southern white press' co-operation with certain law-abiding citizens to protect Southern womanhood when the woman chances to be a Negro.

The fact that this item appears testifies to the value of the organized pressure now developing throughout the United States, according to members of the Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor. It was equally significant, they said, that Alabama's attorney general had thought it necessary to announce that the state was investigating the attack. The committee, of which Henri-

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Kidnap, Attack Charge Is Being Investigated

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Charges that Recy Taylor, 22-year-old Negro woman, of Abbeville, was abducted and criminally attacked by six white youths last Sept. 3 are being investigated by the state, Atty. Gen. William N. McQueen disclosed here Tuesday.

The attorney general said he ordered two of his investigators to make "a thorough investigation after his office had received a report, several days ago, that six white boys, ranging in age from 14 to 18 years, allegedly kidnaped and attacked the Taylor woman. A Henry County Jury, he added, is said to have investigated the case and returned a no bill.

Investigators, he said, talked with several Negroes in Abbeville last week and are to question the six alleged attackers this week. The fact that a Grand Jury has returned a no bill, he explained, would not prevent further action in the case if the facts justify it.

Etta Buckmaster is chairman and Harlan Jack is treasurer, is located at 112 E. 19 St.

CIO Crushes Sun Ship's Company Union in Poll

By WALTER LOWENFELS

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—CIO shipbuilders routed the company union at Sun Ship five to one yesterday in a National Labor Relations Board election. The Pew family owns this shipyard.

The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, received 15,597 votes, and the Sun Ship Employees Association, the company union, 3,274. Only 474 votes went for "no union." Void and challenged ballots brought the total vote cast to 19,599 out of 24,301 eligible.

Louis Kaplan, the CIO Shipbuilders' International representative, who directed the campaign, called labor and management not only in the Sun yard but in all war plants to unite in a New Year's victory production drive to crush the Nazi offensive and win victory early in 1945. He attributed the Sun Ship victory to the gains CIO had won for Pew workers and their determination to go ahead with the CIO program for speedy victory, international security, and 60 million postwar jobs.

GAIN IN STRENGTH

Yesterday's 12,323 victory margin shows a remarkable gain in CIO strength since the union first won bargaining rights, July 7, 1943, after one of the longest and bloodiest campaigns in CIO history. The count then was 12,835 to 11,922 with "no union votes reducing the CIO majority to 24. Ever since, the Pew company union has been contesting the CIO victory. Only three weeks

Penalize Jimcrow Club in Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 22.

—A victory against Negro discrimination was won several days ago, when the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission upheld the Cambridge Licensing Board's refusal to grant a license to the Cambridge Garden Club.

The club, in a letter widely circulated among prospective members, stated it would restrict its clientele to "white" people.

ago the NLRB finally granted it the new election which sealed its doom.

In contrast to 1943's long and tense campaign, climaxed when Pew's company guards shot eight workers June, 1943, killing one of them, yesterday's election was quiet. The company union, evidently counting on a small turn out, did little open work.

This is the second time in two months that CIO workers have rocked the Pew interests. The Sun Ship Yard blazed with Roosevelt buttons last month. Yesterday's victory registered the strength the CIO accumulated through its successful fight for Roosevelt against the GOP candidate the Pew family did so much to nominate and finance. CIO leaders throughout the area hailed the triumph as a vindication of the CIO no-strike policy over company provocations, and a great advance in CIO unity. Over half the yard are Negroes, the largest single concentration of Negro workers in the East.

Following the Transport Workers Union victory in Philadelphia against "white supremacy" and "anti-Communist" incitements, the latest CIO victory is felt to sound the death knell for company unionism in the Philadelphia area, long an open shop stronghold. CIO leaders were already discussing getting behind the United Auto Workers organizing drive at the Budd plant, one of the last big company union outfits.

Expect WLB to Boost Substandard Wages

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The War Labor Board is expected to formulate a new policy on substandard wages within the next few days—approving an increase above the present 50 cent an hour substandard level.

CIO and AFL members of WLB have joined in submitting a resolution stating that the Board will consider 72 cents an hour as the minimum below which any rate will be considered substandard.

Dr. George W. Taylor, vice-chairman of WLB, submitted a tentative proposal for discussion in the pending textile case that the substandard minimum be fixed at 55 cents.

Both proposals were tabled by WLB until after the Christmas holidays.

A revision of WLB's substandard wage policy, which permits voluntary increases up to 50 cents an hour but does not necessarily enforce this minimum in dispute cases, has been in the cards for some time.

WLB Chairman William H. Davis denied a New York Times story stating that public members had "proposed tentatively" a 55 cent minimum, and said that Taylor had merely thrown this suggestion out for discussion without any commitments on anybody.

It was believed almost certain,

however, that public members would be willing to go up to 55 cents in the textile case.

This figure is considered the minimum upward revision likely to be made by WLB. The question is whether labor members can succeed in forcing the figure higher—for example, up to the 65 cent minimum proposed by Senator Claude Pepper (D-Fla.).

Another point in dispute is whether there is to be a new policy generally applicable or whether it is just to be applied in the textile cases involving 23 southern companies and 25 New England companies.

It is the contention of the labor members of WLB that there should be a direct and general change in policy.

The labor members charged that

WLB has failed to tackle the substandard wage problem "in a forthright fashion" and has instead resorted to "wholly unsatisfactory administrative stopgaps."

"It is late indeed, but not too late, for the Board to act courageously and effectively," the labor members said.

They insisted that the WLB should consider the fact that detailed private and public subsistence budgets which show that "72 cents per hour is the minimum wage necessary for a wage earner to maintain a family of four at a bare subsistence level."

It was the contention of the labor members that despite "glowing words of fair promise, the Board has never yet sought to determine what wages are necessary to eliminate substandard living."

We Will Return, Say Fleeing Belgian Civilians

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES FACING THE ADVANCING GERMANS IN BELGIUM, Dec. 22 (UP).—Belgian civilians are fleeing, along the mist-shrouded highways, away from the gray-clad Wehrmacht forces of German Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt as they did in 1940.

But this time there is two-way traffic. The Allies are rushing a vast amount of men and materiel to meet and stem the surprise German counter-thrust.

Another thing is that this civilian exodus is much smaller than the 1940 flight when the Germans raced through the Ardennes Forest on what they believed was to be a world conquering sweep.

I watched them today, hurrying back over highway and byway. I saw no sign of widespread panic among the non-combatants such as there was in 1940. Many people in areas which the Germans are overrunning decided to stay put.

"We realize this can only be a temporary breakthrough," one of them said to me. "We have seen the power of the Allied arms and we are aware it is only a matter of time before the Germans are stopped and sent back."

KNOW ALLIED MIGHT

Most of those who are fleeing are the ones who dread the idea of spending even one day under the domination of the hated Germans who oppressed them for four years in this war and four years in the last. The husbands of these families piled their wives and children and their beds and kitchen utensils on horse-drawn trucks or automobiles and took to the roads, milling through the maze of military transport.

The enemy breakthrough has cast a pall over a Christmas celebration which promised to be the happiest in many years. But people will tell you:

"Well, it makes us realize the war is not over yet. Since we were liberated we were inclined to think it was all over for us. Now we have all got to pull together and make the biggest effort yet to see it through."

HEAD FOR BRUSSELS

Refugees mainly headed for Brussels, the capital, believing that was the safest place. It was a shock to the people of Brussels; to see the first scattered groups of refugees, some crying, enter the city.

"Surely we are not going to go through 1940 again!" a capital resident exclaimed.

For days almost the entire front from Holland to the battle zone has been blanketed in fog almost as thick as a London pea-souper, with only intermittent clear spells.

Under cover of the fog the German columns are infiltrating through the woods and across the fields.

Nazi Drive Will Fail, Say Soviets

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (UP).—The Moscow radio today described the Nazi counter-offensive against the First U. S. Army as a narcotic administered to the German people to relieve the Christmas gloom, while the military commentator of the Army newspaper Red Star said the German thrust into Belgium and Luxembourg already appeared to be petering out.

"The Germans usually are prepared to sacrifice strategic considerations for short-lived tactical successes which in the long run bring disaster to them," the broadcast said, adding that the current drive was an "offensive of desperation launched for political rather than military reasons."

This offensive probably will be the starting point for a decision ending with victory to the Allied armies and complete defeat of Hitlerite Germany, the broadcast said.

Col. Kolomeitsev, Red Star's military commentator, pointed out that the Germans probably would be unable to sustain and develop the attack so as to make their gains permanent or affect the general outcome of the battle.

He pointed out that the Allies have a superiority in manpower and equipment and that the Germans could not challenge this effectively since they dared not shift strength from the eastern front.

"The offensive is of local character with limited objectives," he concluded.



How British troops have converted Athens into a field of battle against the Greeks is shown in these two pictures. Above a British soldier is shoving a Greek civilian around as armed forces gather to attack the Greeks. Below Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander climbs into the armored car he uses on trips from the Athens airfield to British headquarters. Note the name of the armored car used by the British commander.

British Take Piraeus Port; Typhus Feared

ATHENS, Dec. 22 (UP).—British amphibious forces storming ashore before dawn won control of the Piraeus port area early today as fears were expressed that a serious outbreak of typhus might sweep the city.

Even as British troops battled ELAS soldiers in parts of Piraeus and Athens, ELAS doctors under protection of the International Red Cross came into central Athens to confer with British and American medical authorities on typhus control.

It was feared the Disease might break loose because of the lack of adequate food, water and fuel in the war-torn city.

The ELAS representatives promised to try to get ELAS generals to open to both sides the only contagious diseases hospital in Athens. The hospital is in ELAS hands. Pending the outcome of their efforts, British and American medical men began investigating the contagious diseases hospital near Piraeus harbor scene of the British attack this morning.

British forces in landing craft crossed Piraeus harbor from the south during the night, and, putting

tanks quickly ashore, occupied the northern harbor section containing the main docks and warehouses before dawn. The landing was almost without opposition, and the British penetrated several hundred yards inland before fighting of any consequence broke out with the Greek ELAS troops in the area.

The British cleared out random snipers along the road from Athens to Faliron Bay and during the night cleared the direct Piraeus-Athens road from Piraeus deep into Athens. The road, however, is not yet useable as a through route.

ELAS troops have cleared eight villages of the EDES, followers of Gen. Napoleon Zervas, and are moving toward dominating heights east of Ioannina (Janina), Servas headquarters in the Epirus. Ioannina is about 35 miles from the Albanian border, and other ELAS troops were said to be massing along the borders of territory allotted to the EDES.

Nazis Lose 101 Tanks in Day On East Front

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The Soviet High Command announced tonight that 101 German tanks and 68 German planes had been destroyed on the Eastern Front in the last 24 hours—the largest number in weeks.

[In contrast on Wednesday Soviet troops destroyed or disabled 29 German tanks on all fronts, while 27 enemy aircraft were brought down.]

The Soviet high command also announced that Soviet forces were closing in on the Czechoslovak rail junction of Losonc and had tightened a closing ring of encirclement around enemy troops in the Matra Mountains of northeast Hungary. Petervasvar and Kisteranya, 30 and 23 miles southwest of Losonc, were among towns captured. Moscow said that 1,755 prisoners were taken.

Twenty-seven Soviet infantry divisions, supported by hundreds of tanks, launched a mighty assault toward the Baltic port of Liepaja (Libau) at dawn yesterday, striking behind an artillery bombardment and beneath plane-filled skies, a Berlin report said.

Along a 22-mile front extending from the area of Saldus, 53 miles east northeast of Liepaja, to beyond Pampali, 43 miles east, three, and possibly four, Soviet armies were reported to have gone into action to smash 30 enemy divisions in Latvia's Courland peninsula and wipe out the threat to the northern flank of Red Army forces in East Prussia.

In East Prussia itself, the DNB agency said that "major Soviet reconnaissance formations" after preparatory artillery barrages, had probed Nazi positions west of Suwalki, south of Stalluponen and at Pillkallen.

Bioff, Browne To Be Released

William Bioff and George Browne, theatrical union executives convicted in November, 1941, of extorting more than \$1,000,000 from the movie industry, were ordered released from federal prison in Sand Stone, Minn., yesterday.

The releases were ordered by Federal Judge John C. Knox.

Bioff was serving 10 years and Browne eight years.

Judge Knox ordered the releases because of the two convicts' good behavior and because of testimony given by Chicago gangsters at their trial.

Knox ordered both men placed on five years' probation under an officer who will direct them "in conduct and in any phase of their lives."

Atlantic Charter Aims Hold: FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt described the Atlantic Charter today as an objective toward world betterment, and said its principles "are as valid today as they were in 1941" when he and Prime Minister Winston Churchill promulgated the declaration.

His remarks were occasioned by reaction to his casual disclosure Tuesday that the charter does not exist as a formally signed document of state.

He observed that certain documents had been presented to the world for a good many thousand years looking to betterment of life. The Atlantic Charter is one of these, he said, but somebody will come along in the future with something better.

Mr. Roosevelt also:

1—Said he knew little more about military developments in Europe than does the press, meaning, he said, that he has been acquainted with developments in the fighting up to Tuesday or Wednesday.

2—Called on the nation to observe the holiday season by resolving to stick to the job and produce all supplies needed on the fighting front. That, he said, would be the best home front Christmas present to American fighting men.

3—Said the federal budget for the next fiscal year will be based on the determination that Germany must be licked, rather than on any expectation that the European war will end soon.

Duce's Mistress Gets 30 Years

ROME, Dec. 22 (UP).—Cornelia Tanzi, 36-year-old red-headed poetess and former mistress of Benito Mussolini, was sentenced today to 30 years imprisonment on charges of collaborationism.

Seven judges, five of them civilians, deliberated one hour and 40 minutes before reaching a verdict.

Her attorney appealed. Meanwhile, the High Court of Justice sentenced Generals Riccardo Pentimalli and Ettore del Tello to 20 years each on charges of deserting their command post at Naples and allowing the city to fall into the hands of the Germans.

Bolivia Body Expels Arze

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 22 (UP).—Jose Antonio Arze, leader of the left revolutionary party, (PIR), was expelled today from the National Constitutional Assembly by 68-14.

Arze is now in the United States recovering from wounds he suffered in an attempted assassination in La Paz several months ago.

The Assembly expelled him on the grounds that while abroad he had "suggested the application of economic and military sanctions against Bolivia."

[Dr. Arze formally denied having asked for armed intervention by the United States in Bolivian affairs. His statement, published in La Prensa, New York Spanish language paper, on Dec. 11, said in part:

"Such intervention would only be justified in case Nazi domination became a real menace, recognized as such by all the democratic states of the Americas, and such intervention would have to be undertaken jointly by them and not unilaterally by the United States.]

AFL Officials in Cleveland Hail Murray's Call for Unity

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—CIO President Philip Murray's recent letter to AFL unions urging political action unity and joint action to meet the common problems facing labor and the nation has met warm response from outstanding AFL officials here.

Bernard V. McGroarty, an international representative of the AFL Stereotypers, and also prominent in the political field, declared:

"I commend Philip Murray for taking the step to secure trade union unity. I am sure that thousands of AFL members will agree with him.

"The past election has shown that not only do we need the unity of labor in the past form, but a higher and better unity than we ever had before."

McGroarty's statement followed an earlier call by John B. Fitzgerald, Cleveland AFL legislative representative, who urged setting up in permanent form the local AFL's political action committee which functioned so effectively during the 1944 elections. Fitzgerald also called for joint action between the AFL and CIO-PAC, stating that both could maintain their identities while working together for a common goal



McGroarty

in the political action field.

"Organized labor," he said, "should be in politics 365 days a year and not just a couple of weeks every two years."

Boston ILG For A Free Greece

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Boston Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union unanimously endorsed the stand taken by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius for self-government by the liberated countries of Europe.

A telegram, proposed by Philip Kramer, manager and adopted by the board, congratulated Stettinius and condemned the "interference of Mr. Churchill and the British government in the affairs of Greece as contrary to and in violation of one of the fundamental rights for which we are carrying on this war."

The board's action is significant in view of the conference, controlled by David Dubinsky, ILG president, held at the Hotel Commodore in New York last Saturday.



With an upturned mop subbing for an evergreen, Coast Guardsmen celebrate Xmas in the Pacific. Smiles light up their faces as they open packages from home. Enjoying the informal party are, left to right: Hubert M. Gray, Americus, Kan.; Wayne Wagner, Washington, Iowa; Watson Waelher, Fond du Lac, Wis., and Ray Boller, Chicago.

Will Fight Ward Without Strike, Bridges to FDR

Despite provocation, members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, employed by Montgomery Ward & Co., will not depart from their no-strike pledge, Harry Bridges, union president, wired President Roosevelt yesterday from San Francisco.

Bridges' telegram asked the President to take any measure necessary to protect the war effort and therefore protect the union members "by placing the power of the American people and the government" behind the orders of the National War Labor Board.

Bridges said his union considered Ward's announcement of defiance as "outright treason and intentional sabotage of the war effort."

"It is an attitude which has been rejected by a majority of American business, including even that section which openly expresses its hostility labor," his wire said.

"Montgomery Ward cannot be allowed to be successful in its position, for to permit such success means the success of treason and national disunity."

At the same time, Bridges told the President:

"We, the ILWU, will not meet this invitation of Sewell Avery to join in a plot to wreck national unity by departing in any way or on any pretext from labor's no-strike pledge which was recently reaffirmed by the national CIO convention," he said.

REBUKE WOLCHOK

The ILWU was the latest of several union bodies to demand enforcement against Sewell Avery, Ward president, without approving strike action taken by Samuel J. Wolchok, president of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees.

The Wayne County (Detroit) CIO Council endorsed the demands of strikers but declined to endorse the strike at a session that reaffirmed the CIO unconditional no-strike pledge by a vote of 102 to 64 early this week.

The Council called on President Roosevelt to order seizure of the four strike-bound Ward stores to force WLB compliance and urged strikers not to fall for Avery's game of disruption but to return to work.

In a bitter debate on the Council floor, Hodges Mason, Council vice-president, charged the strike was engineered by a caucus hostile to the no-strike pledge to bolster its campaign in the current CIO United Auto Workers referendum on the pledge.

Earlier, Arthur Osman, president of Wholesale & Waterhouse Workers Local 65, largest Wolchok affiliate, charged the strike represented a victory for Avery's campaign "to sabotage America's war effort."

"The union, by falling for the company's provocations, is in effect helping Sewell Avery's treasonous activities," he said in a declaration, which was later unanimously upheld by the union's General Council, representing 12,000 Local 65 members.

Five New York City department store locals, also affiliated to Wolchok's International, took the same stand, and leading officials wrote Wolchok and CIO President Philip Murray asking that the strike be terminated and CIO policy be made the basis of compelling Ward compliance. These locals also have a membership of 12,000.

Local 1130, another Wolchok affiliate, headed by Alex Mills took this same stand.

Approve New Federal Criminal Procedure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The U. S. Supreme Court has approved, with a few modifications, the draft of proposed rules designed to simplify and improve criminal procedure in Federal courts prepared by an advisory committee named by the high court, the Justice Department announced today.

Goodyear Local Ousts Trotskyite Strike Clique

By BETTY RILEY

AKRON, O., Dec. 22.—The Trotskyite clique which has been ruling the United Auto Workers local at Goodyear Aircraft has been ousted by the membership, following an attempt by the Trotskyites to foment a strike. Trotskyite waste of funds also led to the vote that overthrew the clique.

Members of Local 856 of the UAW became incensed when the Trotskyites used War Labor Board decisions to attempt to get a strike vote. In addition the members demanded that an administrator be sent in to straighten out the local's finances.

Here are some of the facts which Harold McCoy, president of the local, Leo Lamotte, administrator appointed by the international union, and other unionists uncovered:

1—The local was \$16,000 in debt, of which \$14,000 was owed to the international in per capita payments. This, in spite of the fact that the union has a check-off agreement with the company. Since the Trotskyite-dominated slate took office eight months ago, only two months per capita have been paid to the international union.

2—Forty-four percent of union funds were being expended to pay committeemen for lost time on grievances. This compares with many auto locals where there is no cost to the union. By agreement, the company paid for 750 hours of grievance time each week, which is now proving adequate.

3—C. R. Jackson, Trotskyite, former chairman of the 1st and 3d shift steward body, turned in slips to the company claiming lost time for grievance work on Nov. 27, 28 and 29.

It is known that he was in Cleveland, attempting to influence the UAW board, in session at the time, to remove the administrator, Lamotte. The charge is made that Trotskyites took 37 stewards, committeemen, and other members' to Cleveland on this occasion: it is expected that a check of the slips turned in to the company will reveal other such "grievance" work.

4—The local has no funds today, whereas, under former union executives, the local purchased a \$10,000 building for halls and offices, paid their per capita, and turned

over a balance of \$2,000 to the executive just kicked out of their jobs.

HIGH SALARIES

5—The Trotskyites made a thorough job of milking the local. Two union officials were on the payroll at \$110 and \$105 a week each. The Trotskyite editor of the Dive Bomber, Jacqueline Horst, now removed, was receiving \$49.50. In addition four office girls were retained. What funds were not consumed in this way went to the system of payment for "grievance time."

6—Lamotte charges that not one service to the local can be found from all the expensive activities of the deposed leaders. No effort had been made to touch the tremendous organizing problem — about 16,000 are eligible for union membership in the plant, but only a few thousand have been enrolled into the union.

Principal Trotskyites eliminated from local leadership were: Walter Turek, chairman of the educational committee and grievance committeeman, who saw to it that the local subscribed for Labor Action and The Militant (also PM); Luther Johnson, financial secretary; Thelma James, trustee, Jacqueline Horst and Jackson.

The Trotskyites had set up three top systems of grievance and negotiating committees. The result was that no one knew who was really in charge of settling plant-wide grievances or carrying on plant-wide negotiations.

A dual system of stewards was set up in the plant with confusing and disrupting effect.

In spite of the big staff which the Trotskyites maintained, only about half the Goodyear Aircraft union members will be able to participate in the no-strike referendum. This large staff had never managed to compile a complete list of members and their addresses. It is estimated that their vote is nearly 90 percent for the no-strike pledge.

News Capsules

Keep the Yule Log Burning

The weatherman predicted yesterday that the winter's worst cold wave would extend through Christmas Eve.

Bitter cold gripped the eastern two-thirds of the nation, and Federal Forecaster E. W. Hanlon at Chicago promised at least two more days of near sub-zero temperatures in the midwest, freezing and below in the northwest, and freezing temperatures in the lower Mississippi Valley.

Harry Payne sawed his way yesterday through a quarter-inch steel wall to escape from the county jail in Peoria, Ill. Before he left, Payne scribbled a note to FBI agent M. O. Eid, wishing him: "A Merry Christmas and the worst of luck in following me." "Payne was being held for trial on a federal charge of inter-state transportation of a stolen automobile."

Moonshining is still going on in the hills, the Treasury's alcohol tax unit revealed today.

Some 667 stills were seized throughout the country during November, most of them in the South, it reported. The raids on the stills resulted in arrest of 940 persons.

One official said he suspected that some families had skipped their annual fruit canning to save sugar for distilling.

Lt. Col. George Logan, commanding officer of the Suffolk County Army Air Field, said yesterday that Mrs. Adeline Bakelaar, 54, Southold, N. Y., was killed by a machine gun bullet that bounced more than a mile and a half over a hill in "one of the oddest accidents in the annals of ground school gunnery."

Mrs. Bakelaar was struck by a .50-caliber bullet as she rode in an automobile a mile and a half from the air field several days ago. The wound caused her death last Wednesday.

Logan said the pilots would be instructed to fire parallel with or away from the highway.

A three-state alarm was broadcast by New York police yesterday for 2½-year-old Remo Cerulli, who was taken for a walk yesterday afternoon by a 19-year-old girl and has not been seen since. The child's father, John Cerulli, said the baby was playing in Cerulli's Brooklyn saloon (546 State St.) when the girl, Barbara Lamb, an old family friend, came in. Cerulli said he had not seen the girl in several years, and she told him her mother and father had died recently and she was now living with her grandmother, but she did not say where. The girl told customers, Cerulli said, that she was going to a laundry and would take Remo along.

An outraged woman smoker, finding the only cigarettes in a Washington drug store yesterday were in a gift box containing a leather case and priced at \$1.35, took the two packs from the box and plunked down the price of the two packages.

Other customers backed her up and the salesgirl withdrew the gift boxes from the counter, fearing others might follow the revolt.

One of the largest gift boxes contained a carton of cigarettes and was priced at \$6.

OFA officials said they would look into the matter promptly.

Nick J. Maynard, 34, Pigeon Creek miner and confessed torturer of three-year-old Roger Lez Nicholas, was held on a charge of felonious assault yesterday in Williamson, W. Va.

Maynard admitted mistreating the blond, blue-eyed boy, and said the child's unwed mother, Mary Nicholas, was present at least part of the time.

Memorial Hospital attendants reported Roger Lee was recovering.

City CIO Hits Avery, Reaffirms No-Strike Vow

Supports TWU, Calls Mayor to Oust Delaney

Labor's no-strike pledge was unanimously reaffirmed by the New York CIO Council at its Thursday night's meeting and the Montgomery Ward workers were called on not to be "further incited by Sewell Avery" into repudiating the no-strike pledge.

The Council, at the same time, asked President Roosevelt and the War Labor Board to act quickly against the government-defying Sewell Avery and his Montgomery Ward Co. Seizure of the Detroit plant by the government was requested.

"The pledge of the CIO to refrain from strikes, reaffirmed without qualification at the recent CIO convention," said the resolution, "must be guarded and preserved against any and all provocations."

Rallying behind the Transport Workers Union in its demand for arbitration of pending wage demands for 32,000 city transit system employees, the CIO Council also called upon Mayor LaGuardia to remove John H. Delaney, chairman of the Board of Transportation. Delaney was described as New York's Sewell Avery and his refusal to bargain likened to Montgomery Ward's defiance of the War Labor Board.

ACCUSES DELANEY

CIO action was decided at a Council meeting Thursday night at Fraternal Clubhouse. There Douglas McMahon, TWU international secretary-treasurer, accused Delaney

AN EDITORIAL

IT WAS a most amazing statement which the counsel for the Fur Manufacturers Association made to the press yesterday. "We don't intend to follow the advice of the War Labor Board," said he. "In my opinion there is nothing they can do about it."

This insolence is surprising since it comes from an organization which has hitherto cooperated with the union in that industry. The association's patriotism up to now has been above question. That cannot be said of its present attitude. It has placed itself in the unenviable position of following in the footsteps of Sewell Avery.

In the case of the Shoe Wholesale Employers Association, we are treated to an entirely different picture. These employers, joining with the union in that industry, insisted that the government enforce the WLB order against Montgomery Ward & Co. They put the country's welfare and Hitler's defeat above all other considerations.

of acting as a "complete czar" in the transit system, arbitrarily rejecting union requests and blocking arbitration.

A huge delegation of TWU transit workers attended the Council meeting and roared with approval when delegates representing 600,000 CIO workers unanimously adopted a resolution reminding the Mayor that his own Transit Committee, headed by Dean Ignatius Wilkinson, had recommended just such arbitration "to settle disputes in a peaceful and constructive way."

An application of this machinery resulted previously in "orderly and harmonious relations," the resolution said and therefore must again be "promptly utilized" to settle the present dispute.

TRANSIT MORALE

Delaney's ouster was demanded on the grounds that his "dictatorial and disruptive actions are a menace to the efficient and uninterrupted operation of the city-owned transit system and a threat to the necessary cooperation of management, labor and government for effective prosecution of the war and for constructive postwar planning."

McMahon reported that morale

The fur manufacturers, through their counsel, take an indefensible position. They flout the government and its war powers. Their lame excuse is that fur manufacture is a "luxury" trade and therefore does not come under the war provisions. The contention is factually not fully true. Even if it were, that would make no difference. In a total war, there are no "luxuries" which do not conform to the carrying forward of the battle.

We are satisfied that these manufacturers will not get away with their defiance of the government. We are confident that the labor movement, both AFL and CIO, will come to the backing of the union. Patriotic citizens in general will do the same. They will be outraged at such a callous, cynical attitude at the time when our boys are fighting and dying in the critical battle at the German border.

The fur manufacturers will not succeed in provoking the fur workers to strike. They

are not dealing with a Wolchok. The fur union has a 100 percent record of patriotism, particularly in following the leadership of Philip Murray on the no-strike pledge. This intelligent labor organization will find the way to go to the people, and the people will respond with their wholehearted support.

Thursday night's action of the New York CIO Industrial Union Council is one more proof that the fur manufacturers are barking up the wrong tree, if they think they can provoke unions like the fur workers to strike. The people, recognizing this, will see to it that the manufacturers are compelled to follow a patriotic policy and obey the WLB order. There is one luxury we can't afford in this war, and that is the luxury of upsetting the industrial scene through dislocation of production or defiance of the government. The fur manufacturers had better learn quickly that the nation expects them to demonstrate loyalty at this hour, and not imitate the sedition of America Firsters like Sewell Avery.



DOUGLAS McMAHON

was on the down-grade in the transit system because of Delaney's arbitrary rejection of demands, and of arbitration. The situation threatens travel safety, he said.

"The TWU does not intend to have any strikes regardless of the provocations," he said. "We are proud of our record of no strikes since Pearl Harbor and we intend to keep it that way but we must have an avenue of recourse for settling grievances. We have confidence in the justice of our case. That's why we're ready to leave it to arbitration, but we insist on that."

The city pays transit workers less for their work than any other operating company in the USA, McMahon said.

Joseph Curran, Council president,

pointed to the parallel between the transit case and Montgomery Ward.

"Every year the TWU is up against this local Sewell Avery and every year we have to go through the same provocations, the same attempts to incite the TWU to strike. The union has not fallen into the trap and never will. The removal of Delaney is the only permanent solution to prevent indefinite repetition of this pattern."

It was earlier in the evening that the Council discussed the Montgomery Ward strike in some detail.

MERRILL AND POTASH

Lewis Merrill, president of the United Office and Professional Workers, and Irving Potash, manager of the Furriers Joint Council, which has a Montgomery Ward situation of its own in the fur industry, emphasized that labor's no-strike pledge was given unconditionally because victory requires it. Both stressed, too, the urgency of tightened WLB procedure to enforce orders promptly so that defiant employers would not be able to incite provocations.

At the same session the Council initiated an intensified campaign for upward revision of the Little Steel formula. Delegations will visit

Congressmen during the Christmas holidays and other methods of enlisting wider support will be undertaken. Curran and Saul Mills, Council secretary-treasurer, were nominated unopposed for reelection in city CIO elections next month.

GM Engineers Win Decision

The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists & Technicians yesterday hailed as an important victory a National Labor Relations Board decision ordering the General Motors Co. to return to salaried status engineers and technicians who had been put on an hourly rating after they joined the union.

General Motors had made the classification change after the technicians designated the FAECT as their collective bargaining agent. Many suffered pay cuts as a result. The NLRB held that the policy was discriminatory anti-labor practice and ordered retroactive pay for those affected covering the period during which they were on hourly ratings.

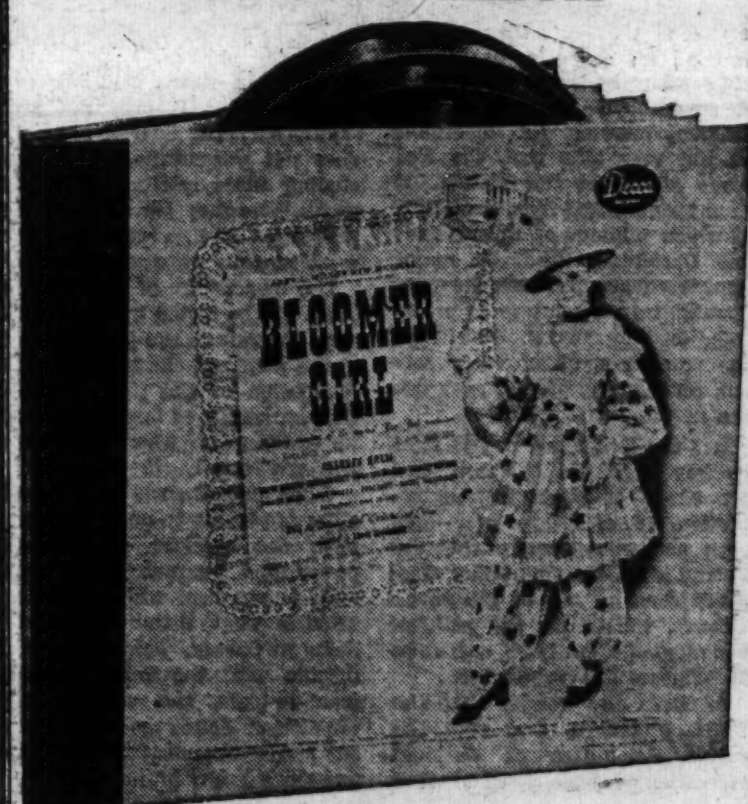
"This decision outlaws what has been a basic management formula in attempts to prevent organization among scientific personnel," commented Beryl Gilman of the Federation. "It has been general practice for anti-labor management to threaten technical workers with transfer to hourly ratings if they unionize. We regard this ruling as a go-ahead signal for intensified organizing."

General Motors has indicated to the Federation that it will carry its fight against the NLRB to the Supreme Court, Gilman added.

Lewis Merrill, president of the United Office & Professional Workers, said the NLRB decision was noteworthy and would be of valuable assistance in organizing. His union has also encountered management attempts to counter organization with threats of reclassification from salaried to hourly rates, he said.

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THE GRIP THAT WON'T BREAK

Keep Your Eye on the Battle

IF EVERY American newspaper editor, every radio commentator, every public official behaved like Secretary of War Stimson and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, this country would be a damn sight better off in the face of the German offensive.

For what these war leaders have given us can be summed up in one word: **perspective**. In times of hardship, all men, movements, armies, nations are tested. The whole picture is what counts: not the scare-heads, the flash reports, the babel of sinister voices, insinuating treacherous counsels and seeking only to sensationalize on the public's necessary lack of information.

The Scripps-Howard papers had the gall, on Thursday, to play up a dispatch that we are suffering "the worst setback since the fall of Manila" and that the war will be "lengthened by many months." The Supreme Command has correctly refrained from giving news on the battles in progress; so half the correspondents write thumbsucking editorials and irresponsible editors play this all up as "news" to befuddle millions.

But what did Stimson say that same afternoon? He said that Germany feared our approach to the Cologne plain, that the Germans face new Soviet winter offensives (on which, you will notice, Stimson speaks with complete confidence). And so out of his mortal weakness, the enemy lunges, like a lacerated rattlesnake. And when this offensive is held and thrown back, this episode will shorten—not lengthen—the war. Gen. Eisenhower said the same thing yesterday in a ringing appeal to our soldiers. "The enemy is gambling everything . . . your gallantry has already done much to foil his plans . . . the Allies have the opportunity to turn this gamble into the enemy's supreme defeat."

That is how responsible leaders behave, men with perspective. Democracy does not mean irresponsibility. Wars are not won by continual forward marches. Wars are not won by counting the casualties in the headlines. Wars are not won by insinuations against Allies who have suffered dozens of such reverses and come back fighting. It is the duty of the home front to rise to the same "new heights of courage, of resolution, of effort" that Eisenhower asks of our soldiers.

Political Issues

And the same is true of the political issues before us. What is the political meaning of this German offensive, anyhow? Why did it come toward the West at this very moment? Because Hitler knows that the Germans are frightened to death at the prospect of war on their soil for the first time in a hundred years. Because Hitler is using military means to make a political demonstration: he is trying to regain the political initiative in Europe. He is trying to encourage every reactionary element in the West to raise the slimy suggestion of somehow calling the war off, of somehow saving the institutions of fascism from their final destruction. And that is why all sober, serious, genuine supporters of the United Nations must know how to conduct themselves in this moment.

"Spheres of influence, antagonistic blocs in Europe?" The charge is false. It is being made by sinister isolationists, by heedless, mawkish liberals. Responsible men speak differently. Secretary of State Edward Stettinius declared on Monday (in a statement played down by the press) that the French-Soviet alliance does not contradict the Dumbarton Oaks plans. Walter Lippmann thinks likewise. And De Gaulle says in Paris: "Neither Russia nor France has any idea of settling the fate of others or of organizing collective security without consulting all concerned."

Poland? What is this unholy rumpus over a discredited group of emigres, illegally constituted by a dictatorial constitution, tenaciously blackmailing the peace of Poland and the world by insisting on domination of alien peoples, unjustly torn away from a neighbor and viciously mishandled for a generation? How dare all the prostitutes of pro-Nazi drape themselves in the Atlantic Charter to cover their nakedness?

Yes, there are problems—unnecessary diversions such as Churchill's unforgivable attack on Greece—and these must be settled quickly. Yes, there are differences, some of them very deep-going, but they can be resolved. Above all, responsible discussion and responsible action will resolve them. But surely not the behavior of some progressives who collaborate with the worst isolationists in a lamentation about non-existent "moral crises," to undermine the President.

Let us keep our eye on the battle, with concern, but not with despair. Let us fight down the line, as our men are fighting. Let us weld unity, and keep united, and defeat both the military and political objectives of the enemy's desperate assault.



Between the Lines

The Horse Before the Cart

by Joseph Starobin

IT IS a wondrous thing to behold, what some of our newspapers and some of our Senators can do by the simple device of putting the cart before the horse. Listening to the catcalls from Sen. Burton Wheeler or reading the editorials of the N. Y. Times, you get the impression



that the United States Senate had already okayed the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, that Germany is sure to get a stiff, hard peace from the United States, that our post-war military service proposals have been unanimously endorsed, and millions of vigilant Americans are determined to eradicate fascism everywhere and prevent aggression as soon as it rears its head.

Alas, alack, our great allies in Europe suddenly decide that, despite all these American achievements, they must have treaties and alliances, and they must indulge in that horrendous and peculiarly European habit known as "power politics."

So the United States is flustered and angry. Our allies seem to have so little confidence. They persist in their old grooves, despite the brave new world which Uncle Sam has ushered in.

Smuts' Plan For Western Europe

But if you put the horse around in his proper place, the picture is a little different. Look at it from the Soviet viewpoint, for example.

One year ago, Marshal Smuts proposed that Britain co-opt western Europe, from Norway to Spain into the British commonwealth, for the express purpose of preserving "western civilization" against the "menace of Bolshevism." France was finished as a power, said Smuts, and her best bet is to team up with England. We need her, now that Germany will (happily or unhappily) disappear as a power factor, said Smuts.

In the course of the year, there was much talk in London and New York about Germany. It appeared that very powerful circles didn't like the idea of a harsh peace which might uproot German imperialism. They didn't even take to a French army on the Rhine. They differed among themselves on what to do with

German industry; some wanted to de-industrialize the Reich as a way of evading the job of dealing harshly with the German industrialists; others, like the London Times wanted to incorporate German industry intact into their own economic structure.

And all that wouldn't have been so alarming, except for the British behavior in Belgium, Greece, and Italy, which disclosed a profound fear of the people and a profound lethargy in destroying fascism at the outskirts of its power. Imagine what a lethargy might develop when the same issues arose in Germany proper?

So when France surprised Marshal Smuts and emerged quite strong, and when De Gaulle avoided a head-on clash with the Resistance, and when the French arrested and began to try some 115,000 collaborators, the Soviet Union signed a treaty with it—directed against Germany.

The French and the Russians mean business about destroying German fascism. They are not so sure that Sen. Wheeler—or even Sen. Joseph Ball—will do the job for them.

Red Army Fights to Berlin

Or take the issue of Poland. A government-in-exile sits in London, chewing its fingernails at the very idea that the Red Army stands at the Vistula. It claims land seized from the USSR in which millions of Belorussians and Ukrainians lived. Its major hope is a quarrel between the great powers; its very future is predicated on that quarrel. And it has the vocal support of every rotten, reactionary, pro-German figure in the entire world.

But the Red Army has to fight its way to Berlin. It has a hard job ahead of it. It has no intention of dickering over long with men who would rather see Poland a prison camp under Germany than an ally of the Soviet Union, which was the political meaning of Gen. Bor's surrender at Warsaw last September.

Is there any wonder that the USSR prefers to deal with the Polish Committee of National Liberation, especially when that

committee takes practical measures to modernize Poland by dividing land among the peasants and arresting all collaborators?

It will not do for Americans to arch a finger at our allies, and defend the Dumbarton Oaks proposals as though our allies were any less eager for a world organization than we are.

It certainly won't do to threaten the rest of the world with American isolationism, a refusal to ratify Dumbarton Oaks, as Sen. Wheeler does. For the rest of the world will simply organize itself without us, however hard a job that will be for them.

It won't do to wave the Atlantic Charter as though our allies were abrogating it. They are all familiar with its general principles. The Soviet Union, for example, has been applying these principles within its own borders for a generation.

Nor will it do to hold our allies to the letter of the Charter. They remember that Cordell Hull on Apr. 9, 1944, delivered a long speech, in which he said:

The Charter "is not a code of law from which detailed answers to every question can be distilled by painstaking analysis of its words and phrases. It points the direction in which solutions are to be sought; it does not give solutions . . . The Charter certainly does not prevent any steps, including those relating to enemy states, necessary [to achieve] the prevention of aggression and the establishment of world security."

The exponents of Dumbarton Oaks will be tested by their concrete position on the preliminaries to the plan and the indispensable foundation of the plan—namely, the eradication of fascism, and all its vestiges everywhere in Europe and particularly, in Germany.

What our French and Soviet allies are trying to do is to eliminate the vestiges of German power as a guarantee that German imperialism will not revive. That is what Britain should be doing in Greece. That is the real dispute with the Polish government-in-exile, the vestigial expression of Polish reaction. Without eradicating fascism, Dumbarton Oaks is an illusion.

Worth Repeating

GERALD P. NYE'S fondness for the fascists and his hate-inciting final speech against the Soviet Union are scorched by the New York Times of Dec. 21, in an editorial which concludes: Mr. Nye's farewell address will have one good effect. It will prove to the complete satisfaction of the voters of North Dakota how right they were when they rejected him in the last election.

Today's Guest Column

THE one-party dictatorship of the Kuomintang in China has once again proved itself incapable of leading the country to unity and victory. Negotiations broke down last summer because the Kuomintang bureaucracy insisted upon postponing democratic reforms until after the war. It refused to take the steps necessary to win the war. It is not a coincidence but a direct result that the Japanese have in recent months won greater victories in China than at any time since the fall of 1938 when they captured Hankow.

In the face of military disaster and under the influence of American policy which wants to see China at maximum strength, new negotiations were started some weeks ago. They were accompanied by changes in the cabinet which replaced certain outstanding reactionaries by better men. It is now evident that these men have not been strong enough to alter the balance in the Chungking bureaucracy. For the new negotiations, too, have failed.

The bureaucracy seeks to place the blame for the disastrous military situation in which China finds itself upon America's failure to provide sufficient arms and other forms of war materiel. They do this in order to divert attention from the real cause of the disaster, which is their own misrule. Let me cite an



by Frederick V. Field

example.

Chungking officials have been requesting certain steel products be supplied them over the "Hump." Yet it is well known that whereas China's present steel capacity is well over 100,000 tons a year, only about 10,000 tons was produced in 1942 and even less in 1943.

It would be insane for the United States to fly steel in airplanes over the 20,000-foot peaks of the Himalayas at the expense of airplane fuel and other materials of war which the Chinese cannot now produce, when the Chinese government is not making use of the production facilities it possesses. Obviously we cannot accede to such requests until what plant the Chinese have is in full operation. For to do so would simply encourage the speculation, hoarding and sabotage of production which are the primary cause of the shortage.

AMERICAN reactionaries have been quick to seize the propaganda line thrown them by the Kuomintang dictatorship. Clare Boothe Luce, the recent editorial expression in her husband's journals, the standard yellow press all seek to exonerate Chinese reaction and lay the blame upon the war policies of President Roosevelt. Unfortunately, certain Chinese in this country, like the former ambassador Dr. Hu Shih and the educator Dr. James Yen, men of good intentions and integrity,

Chungking Still in Bureaucrats' Grip

have fallen for the Kuomintang line. They have lent their names to a recent telegram to the President demanding immediate American aid to stem the Japanese tide.

All of us want American aid to reach China as rapidly and in as large quantities as the commitments on other fronts permit. But we have little enthusiasm for sending aid to a military and political leadership that is either unwilling or incapable of using it to fight the Japanese. And that is just about what the renewed collapse of unity negotiations adds up to.

The Chinese Communist Party, which speaks for all democratic Chinese groups, has announced through its leader, Mao Tse-tung, that the recent negotiations with Chungking have not "attained the least result." While there is, to my knowledge, no reason to suppose that the Communists will not renew negotiations if the opportunity arises, it is clear from Mao's recent speech that the Kuomintang dictatorship has revealed an obstinate refusal to alter its policies. At the moment there is little hope in the field of formal negotiation.

The Communists have called for a national convention of all parties to form a coalition government. That call will have widespread influence throughout the nation. The Communists have also announced that they would soon launch a counter-offensive against the enemy in the north. That, more than all else, will serve to rally the forces of democracy against the despotism of the bureaucracy.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

A Visit To Chicago

Hollywood, Calif.

Editor, Daily Worker:

When I stopped a few days in Chicago I saw the fine layout of offices in the Randolph Building of the Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, CIO. My friend, Horace B. Davis is Research Director there, and I had the pleasure of meeting the President, Grant Oakes, and the Organizational Director, Joe Weber. They were glad to tell a part-owner of the Daily Worker of their high regard for the paper, and how gratified they were at the success of Earl Browder's visit and the great increase in the number of subscriptions that resulted.

"It's the best paper in the United States, and indispensable to us," they assured me.

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Negro Soldiers In World War II

Asheville, N. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The daily newspaper here, The Citizen, in an editorial of Dec. 13, pays tribute to the Negro soldiers in this war. It refers particularly to the 761st Tank Battalion and the 452d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, mentioned recently in the report of the War Department. Of these battalions it says: "They have sustained their share of casualties and have received their share of decorations."

It says that Negroes should be proud of the record of their sons and brothers in this war. It's to be hoped that the recognition of this truth will lead southern papers like the Asheville Citizen to come out for decent American rights for the Negro people, for these very soldiers fighting and dying for democracy.

A. T. McM.

Seaway and Social Security

Long Island City, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There have been a great many articles in the Daily Worker on the Social Security, tax bill and on the St. Lawrence Seaway project but there has been nothing to explain what they are all about. Each article on legislation should have a brief explanation of the specific social consequences of same.

J. J. STERNBACH.

(Ed. Note: These matters were painstakingly explained in this paper. For instance, Max Gordon's article on the Seaway in The Worker of Dec. 3.)

Articles Wanted On Delinquency

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to recommend to you an address to the National Council for Social Studies (Cleveland Nov. 24) by Haldore Hanson, an official of the U. S. State Dept., on America's Need for Understanding China, on development of cultural relations and particularly in closing, history as studied in American public schools. Very encouraging.

Also I have been serving on a police precinct committee on juvenile delinquency. Could you write some articles to the community on delinquency among school-age children? Our committee is very much at a loss. Thanks. CAMILLA JOSEPH.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

OFFICE and professional workers, blasting a road towards unionization of their fields, are clearing away all sorts of obstacles and tricks that have long been regarded as established "rights" for employers. The latest is a victory of the CIO's Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians in the case of their new local in the Linden, N. J. General Motors plant.

After FAECT won a collective bargaining election for the company's large staff of technicians, GM fell back on an old "right" of transferring them from a salaried classification to an hourly wage basis. They were thus penalized with the loss of a number of privileges. The NLRB ordered the company to reinstate the old basis and to bargain with FAECT.

This is just a sample of the long chain of such decisions that CIO unions have won since the task of organizing white collar workers was undertaken in earnest.

I recall the years of struggle and litigation the United Office and Professional Workers waged to establish the legal right for insurance agents to be organized and bargain collectively. It was almost monotonous to receive the frequent press releases and statements from Leon Berne, founder and head of Industrial Insurance Agents, Local 30 of the UOPWA blasting Metropolitan Life's moves before various legislative and government bodies or courts.



By George Morris

Many would have given up the struggle long before its conclusion. In fact, when a tiny union of office workers under the leadership of Lewis Merrill defied the AFL back in 1936 and left it, the issue, too, was the right to organize insurance agents. But these determined men fought the issue through and when at long last the crowning court victory came, the flood-gates were opened for the most powerful organization in the white collar field.

MERRILL tells me the union's insurance division now has 21,000 members and contracts cover 29,000 employees of the largest insurance firms.

White-collar workers have traveled far towards unionism since the birth of the CIO. The UOPWA's contract covering the staff of 5,500 of Curtiss-Wright at Buffalo is another milestone. The unionization of those vast letter-sending factories in New York and Detroit, of the home offices of the large film companies and the growing number of large industrial company offices, are all testimony that the old AFL view that white collar workers cannot be organized is just tommyrot.

FAECT has had a particularly successful year in unionizing and signing up large technical staffs. The Newspaper Guild's foundation among the nation's largest newspapers, tells the same story. Additional tens of thousands of white collar workers are in the State, County and Municipal Workers Union and the Federal Workers.

Office and Professional Workers Coming of Age

Outside of the American Federation of Teachers, there was hardly any representation of white collar and professional workers at the New Orleans convention of the AFL. The voting strength of a group of federal office locals there, indicated a membership of some 5,000 and there is a small group of draftsmen.

What struck me in particular was the nine-year membership record of the teachers union as the executive council reported it. The union grew slowly from a membership of 12,700 in 1935, but jumped to 22,100 in 1938 when those whom William Green likes to call Communists, took leadership. By 1940 when both the AFL council and the Coudert Committee began war upon the leadership, the membership rose to 30,000.

THEN the new Socialist-Trotskyite leadership took the helm with George Counts, David Dubinsky's "Liberal," as president. When the struggle and expulsion of the New York and Philadelphia locals was over the membership was whittled down to 22,900 in 1942. Despite the general advance of labor organization since, the AFT has only 25,200 members this year.

I remember William Green's speech at the Buffalo 1940 convention. He told them that they ought to have a million members. If they get rid of the "Communists" the "millions" will rush in, and the AFL will help them financially and morally to achieve this objective. The figures speak for themselves.

Reactionary policies are no more attractive to teachers than they are to insurance agents, office workers, technicians or newspapermen.

A Recommended Postwar Foreign Trade Policy

by Labor Research Ass'n

and needed a surplus of exports in order to pay the interest and amortization charges on our loans from industrialized countries abroad.

But this situation changed long ago, and we are now the world's single great creditor and capital-exporting nation. We have grown up and now possess nearly half the productive capacity of the earth. Now we need an import surplus out of which we can be paid interest and other charges on the loans we make to other countries.

In the past, the committee concludes, "import restriction was a tenable policy. Now it can serve only to constrict our foreign investment, and destroy foreign investment opportunity."

Besides, American industry can easily compete with foreign countries in all but a few specialized lines. Our high productivity is the main reason for this. On the whole, tariff reductions would expand the over-all employment and business volume of this country. It would create additional business and employment opportunities.

IN answer to the "wage-earner's" protective tariff leagues sponsored from time to time by Matthew Woll and the Republican "spokesmen" of labor, the pamphlet states the sim-

ple truth. Industries that require tariffs are in many cases the very ones that have low wages and unsatisfactory labor conditions.

The pamphlet admits that some few industries might be temporarily hurt by tariff reductions, but it suggests a concrete program for easing any such localized burdens of particular industries. It states repeatedly the main objective should be to devote American capital and labor to fields of enterprise in which this country "enjoys comparative economic advantage, chiefly products most advantageously manufactured on a mass production basis and requiring heavy capital investment and highly developed managerial, technical and labor skills."

If the United States devotes its main production effort to those lines in which it enjoys a comparative advantage, living standards will be increased and the wages and working conditions of the majority of American workers advanced.

Industrialization of previously undeveloped countries is also stressed in the pamphlet. Immediately after the war this would provide a wide market for our heavy industry. Later on it would put those countries into a position where they can take more goods from the United States and pay for them with goods and products which will in turn help raise our own standards of living and our opportunities for employment.

Facts for Victory

AMONG those giving intelligent consideration to the expansion of American foreign trade after the war are labor, business and farm representatives united in the National Planning Association.

The Committee on International Policy of this organization has just issued a stimulating and timely booklet on "America's New Opportunities in World Trade." It calls for increased trade as well as the foreign loans and investments that will make that trade possible at least in its initial postwar stages.

Among other things, this committee urges the reduction of tariffs, and the American Tariff League is already expressing its indignation at this suggestion.

The pamphlet points out that despite the progress made by this country in the Hull Reciprocal Trade Agreement Program, "our tariff walls are still among the world's highest and stoutest." It asserts that the fear of imports is a formidable stumbling block "in the way of expanding American foreign trade and investment."

THIS tariff policy was developed in a period when we were a capital-importing country



Argentine Gov't Seeks To Split Opposition

By RODOLFO GHIOLDI
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 22.—The most important recent maneuver of the Argentine government has been to create a commission to "study the statutes of political parties."

The obvious intention of this move is to divide democratic opinion and attract vacillating elements most susceptible to becoming collaborationist—people like Alejandro Shaw who represented Argentina at the Rye International Businessmen's parley.

Thus the Group of United Officers controlling the government (GOU) would gain time before holding controlled elections a few months from now on the Hitler-plebiscite model.

Exiles reject this move, but recognize that the present state of Anglo-American differences in respect to Argentina might stimulate vacillations among the more undecided groups, and so favor the survival of fascism.

Disagreements between generals and colonels inside the GOU are increasing, but both groups get together at difficult moments. The

GOU is feeling the impact of its failure to obtain an inter-American Conference of Foreign Ministers to discuss the Argentine question.

In its desire to win international recognition, it may even consider reinstatement of ex-President Pedro Ramirez. Circles close to the GOU believe this would solve their problems as Ramirez originally obtained recognition after the GOU coup in June, 1943.

There is increasing popular dissatisfaction with the GOU regime. After the Oct. 31 stoppage, several partial stoppages have taken place. Most important of these was in the government's oil distilleries.

Demonstrations of small businessmen against the sudden price rise are also common, especially in dairy and bakery trades. Restlessness is indicated by other incidents, such as frequent bomb explosions.

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Warns Against Illusions on Romania

SOVIET WRITER FINDS DEMOCRACY THERE STILL HAS HARD ROAD

Red Army men stationed in Romania to make sure that the Bucharest government fulfills its obligations to the United Nations have no illusions that the task is an easy one.

The Soviet correspondent Eugene Boltin, writing in the current War and the Working Class, described his impressions after a tour of Romania from east to west and back again.

"I had the opportunity of conversing with many people in all walks of life," he said. "One thing is certain: The Romanians are glad to be out of the war against the Soviet Union."

"But they still have not grasped the deeper lessons of the war, and they fail to realize their grave responsibility for the colossal damage done to the Soviet people by the former criminal leaders of Romania."

The common people desire friendship with the Soviet Union "after the object lesson taught Romania by the Red Army," the correspondent continued. They will support the Bucharest government if it "really intends conscientiously to discharge its obligations to the United Nations."

Boltin indicated that this is still a big "if."

"I have heard representatives of diverse sections of the Romanian public express the wish that the government would display much greater energy in

eliminating the consequences of fascism and in clearing up its breeding grounds."

These breeding grounds still exist, Boltin observed.

"The mentality of the masses, especially of the working people, favors an anti-fascist policy. But this furnishes no justification for the 'reassuring' and unscrupulous statement that fascism had struck no roots in Romania and that it was a fortuitous and adventitious phenomenon."

He went on to describe the "numerous declassed elements of the urban population," who are "thoroughly venal and corrupt and serve the highest bidder."

"The towns were full of young men without any definite occupation, who by downright bribery or one shift or another managed to obtain exemptions or deferments. It was from these elements that

Hora Sima recruited his ruffian gangs whose green uniforms have not yet disappeared altogether from the streets of Bucharest."

Another section of the population described by Boltin as "capable of breeding the poisonous microbes of fascism" is the German minority in Transylvania.

"The German influence in the country is perhaps not very perceptible now that the spontaneous process of emancipation from the fascist order of the things implanted by (fascist ex-Premier Ion) Antonescu is proceeding from below," he explained. "Nevertheless nothing would be more dangerous than an attitude of complacency and wholesale forgiveness toward the German minority."

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Chanin-Dubinsky Clique Wars on Jewish Unity

By ABRAHAM CHAPMAN

On Tuesday the Jewish Daily Forward published a lengthy official statement by the Jewish Labor Committee formalizing and finalizing its secession from the American Jewish Conference. The formal statement of secession is the climax to date, of the hostile campaign against the American Jewish Conference which has been conducted by the Chanin-Dubinsky-Abramovitch clique of disrupters and saboteurs of unity.

When the delegation of the Jewish Labor Committee went to Pittsburgh to present its case against Jewish unity to the Jewish Confer-

ence, they did not register as delegates. As soon as the Conference decided to reject the ultimatum of the Jewish Labor Committee and to admit the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, the Jewish Labor Committee delegation returned to New York. Many days elapsed before the official statement of the Jewish Labor Committee was made public, days in which a sharp struggle took place within the Jewish Labor Committee.

The very form of the Jewish Labor Committee statement, to which no signatures whatsoever are affixed and without any indication of the pro and con vote on the statement, shows that an attempt is being made

to hide the undoubted disagreement and the sharp struggle within the Jewish Labor Committee on the question of secession from the Conference.

Undoubtedly a sharp struggle is taking place within the Jewish Labor Committee, the details of which are not yet public. At the same time it is clear that the dominating Chanin-Dubinsky-Abramovitch clique has succeeded in imposing its will upon the Jewish Labor Committee.

AIM OF SPLIT

What does it mean? It means that the Jewish Labor Committee is seeking to have all the organizations affiliated with it secede from the American Jewish Conference. We are witnessing not only passive secession. The dominating clique of the Jewish Labor Committee is laying the basis for waging war against the American Jewish Conference. Their statement of secession reiterates all of the old red-baiting excuses which the Chanin-Dubinsky-Abramovitch clique has employed time and time again in the course of its disruptive activities. Their emphasis upon red-baiting is a clear indication that they are going to wage war against the American Jewish Conference.

This is borne out by another point in the statement of secession. They say that the Jewish Labor Committee still seeks to cooperate with all "constructive" elements in Jewish life. Chanin, Dubinsky and Abramovitch are going to decide who the constructive elements are! We know whom they consider "constructive"—the enemies of Jewish unity, the enemies of trade union unity, the enemies of trade unions behind President Roosevelt's program and the enemies of the unity of the United Nations!

One should not be deceived by the praise of Henry Monsky, President of B'nai B'rith and one of the three co-chairmen of the Conference, which we find in the Jewish Labor Committee's official statement.

It is inconceivable that Monsky will agree to play any such politics, because after all, Monsky is the president of a responsible organization, the organization that was the initiator of the American Jewish Conference.

PROPER ANSWER

The American Jewish Conference, it is to be hoped, will give the proper answer to the treacherous secession of the Jewish Labor Committee.

The organizations affiliated with the Jewish Labor Committee certainly cannot acquiesce. Now is the time for the trade union masses and the Workmen's Circle members affiliated to the Jewish Labor Committee to intensify their demand that the Chanin-Dubinsky-Abramovitch leadership—which is leading the Jewish Labor Committee down a blind alley of isolation—should be repudiated and removed and that the Jewish Labor Committee should join wholeheartedly in the work of the American Jewish Conference in defense of Jewish interests.

With the Jewish Labor Committee, or without the Jewish Labor Committee, the affiliated Jewish labor organizations have the duty to maintain contact with, and participate actively in, the work of the American Jewish Conference.

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Nat Low

The latest edition of the Amateur Athlete, official publication of the AAU, has a page on the best foreign track and field marks of the year and includes Germany in its list.

And don't you think it is about time somebody told the gentlemen of the AAU that our nation is engaged in a terrible war to the death with Germany and that the only interest we have in Germans, athletes or otherwise, is to kill them—as Gen. Eisenhower asked his troops to do in his Order of the Day yesterday!

Gil Dodds, Bill Hulse and Don Burnham will probably furnish the opposition to Gunder Hagg when he arrives here for his exhibition tour. Of the three, only Dodds will be likely to give Hagg some competition—the other two are busy in the service and will probably not be in the best of shape.

The rumor mongers have it that Neil Colville, the great Ranger center of prewar days, will soon get his honorable discharge from the Canadian Army and will rejoin the Blueshirts immediately. . . .

And won't the rest of the league be delighted to hear this?

Al Ball of Salt Lake City swears by this story: He watched his brother Tom raise his shotgun and pull the trigger once on a recent hunting trip. Six ducks tumbled to the earth.

Neither of the Balls were intoxicated.

Ray Robinson, the greatest fighter active today in the world, is having trouble getting a suitable Madison Square Garden opponent. The magnificent Negro welter is fighting all around the country but has not yet been able to sign up a foe worthy of a Garden go. . . . Ray fought George Martin last night in Boston and probably won by a knockout—as he has most of the fights he's been in since his return to the ring.

Louis Goldstein of LIU is a surprise leader of the met basketball circle. The Blackbird freshman has sunk 27 goals and 16 fouls for a total of 70 points. . . . Ray Wertis of St. John's is next with 65 tallies, followed by Grenert with 64, Jerry Remer of Brooklyn with 62, Hal Korovin with 57, Les Rothman with 56 and Sid Tanenbaum with 53. . . .

After a long siege of illness, Hype Igoe, Journal-American boxing writer, is back at ringside. Hype was quite ill for a while.

The rumor mongers also have it that Branch Rickey will dispossess the football Tigers from Ebbets Field in order to field a team of his own in one of the new pro football leagues which will come into being after the war's end. . . . Rickey being what he is, one of the most ambitious men in sports, we can give credence to this report.

Ho hum . . . Arturo Godoy is planning his 88th comeback in the United States. A recent win over a Peruvian heavyweight made Godoy's mind up for him.

Leonard Joss, son of Max, the well-known promoter of fights at the Broadway Arena, has been wounded in Germany. Joss has three sons in the service.

Schools to Aid Soviet Kids

Superintendent of Schools John E. Wade has invited principals of all New York public schools to participate in the current Russian War

Relief campaign to fill a ship with Christmas gifts of useful articles for the children of devastated Soviet areas, it was announced yesterday by the relief organization.

Dr. Wade asked specifically for gifts of slightly-used winter clothing for babies and children up to the age of 16.

Russian War Relief also seeks tinned baby food, hard candy, cocoa, baking chocolate, packaged raisins, condensed or evaporated milk and baby talcum.

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By BILL MARDO

Alas the poor Rangers—we fixed them well!

In yesterday's Daily Worker we carried a story about the Blueshirts in which we pointed out that, in winning their third game of the season against the Chicago Black Hawks Wednesday night, they "put on one of the better performances of the year, one in which their defense stayed together and their wings passed and shot with old Blueshirt talent."

As we picked up our copy of the Daily Worker yesterday morning we also picked up a copy of the Herald-Tribune and, turning to the sports section, saw this:

"Detroit Red Wings Thrash Rangers, 11-3"

So now you see why Lester Patrick will soon send us a \$1,000 check to keep our mouths shut about his boys.

This is the umpteenth time our hex has worked on the poor Rangers. Last year, if we may recall, on a Tuesday morning our Phil Gordon wrote, "An orchid to the Rangers for their swell game Sunday." The very night the Red Wings handed the Rangers the worst defeat in major league history, 15-1.

Lester, we swear off, for real!

That Garden Holiday Schedule

If you're planning to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Madison Square Garden here's a list of attractions booked there:

Tonight—Basketball, LIU vs. DePaul; St. John's vs. Puerto Rico.
Sunday—Hockey, Rangers vs. Chicago.
Monday (Dec. 25)—Basketball, NYU vs. Tennessee; Brooklyn vs. Western Kentucky.
Tuesday (Dec. 26)—Nothing scheduled.
Wednesday (Dec. 27)—Hockey, Rangers vs. Toronto.
Thursday (Dec. 28)—Basketball, LIU vs. Wyoming; City College vs. Hamlin.
Friday (Dec. 29)—Boxing, Danny Bartfield vs. Morris Reif.
Saturday (Dec. 30)—Basketball, NYU vs. Colgate; St. John's vs. Dartmouth.
Sunday (Dec. 31)—Hockey, Rangers vs. Boston.
Monday (Jan. 1), New Year's Night—Basketball, LIU vs. Kentucky; Brooklyn vs. Texas Christian.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—660 Kc.
WON—710 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.
WEVD—1230 Kc.
WLIB—1130 Kc.
WHN—1450 Kc.
WQV—1230 Kc.
WENT—1480 Kc.
WQXR—1560 Kc.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00—WEAF—First Piano Quartet
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Shopping Talk—Lois Long
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News
WQXR—String Music
11:05—WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch
11:15—WJZ—Transatlantic Quiz
11:30—WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell
WOR—Hookey Hall
WJZ—Land of the Lost
WABC—Billie Burke Show
WMCA—News; Christmas Carols
11:55—WQXR—News Reports

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00—WEAF—News; Consumer Time
WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Kay Armen, Songs
WABC—Theater of Today
WQXR—Luncheon Concert
12:30—WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight
WOR—News; Juke Box
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Hour
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00—WEAF—Variety Music
WOR—Messages from Marine Hospital in Honolulu
WJZ—Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC—Grand Central Station
1:15—WMCA—Health Talk
1:25—WABC—News Reports
1:30—WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch
WOR—Lopes Orchestra
WJZ—News; Music
WABC—Report to the Nation
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45—WEAF—John MacVane, News
WMCA—This Is Our Town
1:55—WQXR—News; Concert Music

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00—WEAF—These Are Our Men
WOR—Branscombe Choral
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera: Tristan und Isolde
2:15—WABC—Adventures in Science
WMCA—Christian Science Talk
2:30—WEAF—Battle Zone Christmas
WOR—Leo Egan, News
WABC—To Be Announced
WMCA—Studio Music
WQXR—Request Program
2:45—WOR—Talk—Stanley Maxted
WMCA—Front Page Drama
3:00—WEAF—Kansas City Philharmonic
WOR—This Is Halloran
WABC—The Land Is Bright
WMCA—News; Novena Service
3:30—WOR—Roosty of the AAF
WABC—Syncopation Piece
WMCA—News; Waltz Music
4:00—WEAF—Rupert Hughes, News
WOR—News; Airline Trio

Indians, DePaul Picked Over Puerto Rico, ILU

By PHIL GORDON

The annual Christmas-New Year's holiday basketball season in Madison Square Garden gets under way tonight with a good-neighbor gesture toward Latin America. For the second year in succession a team from the Antilles, the University of Puerto Rico, will give an international flavor and Latin sparkle to the competition.

The Puerto Ricans, current Pan-American champions, are matched with the unbeaten Redmen of St. John's and in the second contest DePaul and LIU, those now old-time rivals, will meet.

From the form they have shown to date, the Indians should conquer the Good Neighbors while DePaul's Demons should thrash LIU's Blackbirds.

The quality and customer appeal of the program are expressed in several ways, not the least of them the fact that it puts on the floor last year's finalists in the National Invitation Tourney. St. John's won the title with what at the time was regarded as an upset victory over DePaul.

Following in the footsteps of the University of Havana's courtmen, the Puerto Ricans are confident they can surpass the achievements of the Prado Prides. Which would guarantee an exciting court battle, for the Cubans beat LIU last year.

The playing records do establish the Puerto Ricans as a stronger team than the Havana outfit. In the last seven games between the teams, the Puerto Ricans won six times, three in a row last month.

In that the Puerto Ricans have not been scouted by any local observers their playing style and methods are something of a mystery, but it is the impression that they tie floor speed to an intricate pass-play pattern, just as the Cubans did.

Pedro Borras, a 22-year-old six-foot senior, is tabbed as the Puerto Rican's most skillful player and high scorer, though a one game record for the team was set by one of

Lineups Tonight:

FIRST GAME 8:15 P.M.

No. ST. JOHN'S Pos. PUERTO RICO No.
3—Kotsos L.F. Vicens—44
4—Wertis R.F. Viciola—44
11—Sumner C. Borras—37
12—Goklin L.G. Dias—37
16—Robinson R.G. Fabregas—35
St. John's Reserves: Fars (5), Shea (6), Barreras (7), Hurley (8), McCurdy (9), Lennon (10), Pressman (14), Kaiser (15), Larkin (17), Ochs (19).
Puerto Rico Reserves: Ramirez (30), Pintero (32), Morales (33), Diaz (34), Sanchez (38).

SECOND GAME

No. LIU Pos. DEPAUL No.
31—Rothman L.F. Stump—22
23—Meinhold R.F. DiBenedetto—31
22—Gozdenovich C. Mikan—29
27—Benyak L.G. Kachan—27
32—Goldstein R.G. Allen—21
LIU Reserves: Solomon (30), Slava (31), Becker (24), Kory (26), Eskenazi (28), Haas (30), Lewis (33), Sherman (34), Verdeschi (35).
DePaul Reserves: Barbaric (20), Brody (32), Halloran (24), Niemiera (25), Blackburn (28), LaRoche (28), Mikan (32), McNabola (34), Munroe (36), Comerford (39), Dalton (34), Phelan (35), Jennings (36).

the guards, Fernando Fabregas, at 26 points.

The other game is a battle of two big teams, both of them forceful and highly skillful. The Blue Demons of DePaul have won seven out of eight, and LIU yielded only to Valparaiso, after leading for most of the way. The DePaul defeat was inflicted by Illinois, and also in the last minute of the game.

The DePaul roster is an assurance of quality. Each of the five starters is a veteran, and three of them were outstanding performers in last year's National Invitation Tourney, George Mikan, the All-American center nominee; Gene Stump and Eddie Kachan. Ernie Di Benedetto and Jack Allen are the other starters.

10:00—WEAF—Barry Wood, Songs
WOR—Theater of the Air
WJZ—Lombardo Orchestra
WMCA—News; Grange Hall
10:15—WABC—Al Pearce Show
10:30—WEAF—Grand Ole Opry
WJZ—Play—The Man Called X, with Herbert Marshall
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, Comments
WQXR—France in the News
10:40—WQXR—Music Box
10:45—WABC—To Be Announced
WMCA—Marine Corps Program
10:50—WQXR—News; Just Music
11:00—WEAF—WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WOR—News; Music
WMCA—News; Talk; Music
11:30—WEAF—I Sustain the Wings
WJZ—Hillbilly Band
WABC—News; Music
12:00—WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
WABC, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports (To 12:05)

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— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

New Soviet Play by Bergelson Shows Heroism of Jews in War

The suffering and heroism of Ukrainian Jews during the Nazi invasion forms the stirring theme of *We Will Live*, which has replaced *The Miracle of Warsaw Ghetto* at the New Jewish Folk Theater.

Written by David Bergelson, outstanding Soviet-Jewish writer, the drama powerfully affirms the spirit of the Jewish citizen in the Soviet



Union, his creative integration in the life of his country, his courage, devotion, and fighting idealism. Jacob Ben-Ami's production of this moving and authentic picture of the

war on Russian soil is to be greeted as a significant event in the American theater.

We have heard and read a great deal about the fully liberated Jew of the Soviet Union. Here he is portrayed in living terms, proudly conscious of his heritage as a Jew, shaping that heritage into a mighty sword against the barbarous enemy of his people and his land.

The Soviet characters of Bergelson's play impress one deeply with their dignity, self-assurance, and firmness in the face of Nazi terrorism. These are warm human beings, deeply compassionate. But they are strong, unconquerable. These are Maccabees of our epoch whose prowess as warriors against evil is sustained by a profound humanism.

JOY SHIFTS TO GLOOM

The opening scene—Avrom Ber Levitt's office in an agricultural laboratory—defines the constructive part which the Jew plays in Soviet life. Avrom Ber is superintendent of the laboratory, his daughter Frieda a teacher, his son Lazar a Red Army major, whose portrait hangs on the office wall. And the major's son, representing a fourth generation, is portrayed as a happy, inquisitive schoolboy who together with his great-grandfather Reb Jonathan, basks in the newspapers'

We Will Live

Jacob Ben-Ami's production of David Bergelson's play presented by Joseph Green at the New Jewish Folk Theater at Second Ave. and 12 St. Staged by Joseph Rothbaum, music by Sholem Secunda, settings by H. A. Condell. The cast includes Max Rosen, Dora Weissman, Jacob Ben-Ami, Muriel Gruber, Berta Gersten, Dina Halpern, Menachem Rubin, Morris Strassberg, Goldie Lubritsky, Misha Fishson, Abraham Teitelbaum.

praise of Avrom Ber.

But the mood of joy and pride soon shifts to grim tragedy as the Nazis approach the town. The people who lovingly built homes and bridges and laboratories must now set fire to them with their own hands. The news arrives that Ben Avrom's son has been killed in battle. The entrance of an old Polish Jew, whose eyes have been torn out by the Germans, foreshadows the horrible tortures of the succeeding scenes.

With the town occupied, the German major in charge tries to get hold of a control book which contains the formulas of an important invention. But his prisoners are tightlipped. The major warns Avrom Ber that his daughter will be sent to a German brothel if he does not reveal where the control book is hidden; the daughter is warned that her father will be shot. They and their comrades are not swayed by violence or threats.

GUERRILLA BAND ACTIVE

In the meantime, the escaped townsmen have formed a guerilla band. With the aid of two Red Army airmen who have brought supplies, they plan the liberation of the town. Their success is achieved in the closing scene.

This, in barest outline, is the story of the play. It leaves out of account many interesting characters and sub-themes like the German refugee agronomist, Professor Kronblith, who at first fears the inevi-

tability of Nazi success and then goes to his death with defiant courage, or director Panasenka of the laboratory who is for a time suspect of treachery by his own son. Nor should one omit the supremely heroic women of the play like Chaya, the cook, mother of a Red Army man; the landress Nastia, who smuggles dynamite into the Nazi headquarters; Avrom Ber's daughter Frieda and his daughter-in-law Raya.

These are inspiring characters, typifying millions in the Soviet Union, brilliant contrasts to such wretched creatures as Frau Gunter, housekeeper of the German staff, and the white-guardist Nyemabudko, who terrorizes the prisoners. The play expresses an overwhelming hatred of the German invaders.

This is not to suggest that the production is flawless. On the opening night, at least, the play suffered from slowness and diffusion. In a work so crowded with character and incident, more of an effort must be made toward speeding and tightening the action.

MANY FOREMOST ACTORS

As a new company, composed of many outstanding actors, the New Jewish Folk Theatre group has not yet solved completely the problem of an integrated performance in which individual roles are consistently subordinated to the total effect.

With greater speed and economy in the direction, the production would undoubtedly involve the audience more deeply.

But this is a criticism to be taken in the context of a rich appreciation of both Bergelson's play and Ben-Ami's production. Mr. Ben-Ami himself gives a superbly restrained performance of Avrom Ber Levitt; it is a persuasive study of a man, who, while suffering the anguish of personal tragedy, unswervingly resists the foe. As the nervously arrogant German Major, Menachem Rubin carries out a difficult role with consistency, though, as I felt, he emphasized mannerisms too much. Dina Halpern is a strikingly defiant Raya, and Muriel Gruber a beautiful and sympathetic Frieda. Abraham Teitelbaum conveys the terrorized feelings as the refugee German agronomist. Berta Gersten is effective as the simple, loyal Nastia, Dora Weissman the emotional Chaya. Other fine performances

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Isa Kremer Sings At Town Hall Sun.

Isa Kremer, noted singer of ballads and folk songs will perform tomorrow, Sunday, 8 p.m. at Town Hall, 123 W. 43 St. at a concert and celebration sponsored by the Icor Association on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. The Jewish Philharmonic People's Chorus under Max Helfman will also perform. Hon. Eugene D. Kisselev, Consul General of the USSR will greet the Icor.

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Late Bulletins

Yank Cooks, Clerks, MPs Helped Stop Nazis at Luxembourg City

By COLLIE SMALL

WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON THE EASTERN FRONT, Dec. 22 (UP).—With cooks, company clerks and military police fighting side by side, a thin line of Doughboys from a single battered regiment miraculously held off an attack by an entire division last Saturday morning and in an epic stand saved the city of Luxembourg from being engulfed.

Because of security considerations it is impossible to identify the regiment or its commander. The action occurred in the vicinity of Echternach, 18 miles northeast of Luxembourg.

The heroic Yanks fought off waves of German infantry sent against their wavering line for 48 of the most critical hours the Americans have yet seen in western Europe.

The colonel in command of the regiment said the first waves of Nazi troops, opening the German

counter-offensive in the west, overran all the American outposts and observation posts and plunged through our lines for nearly a mile before being halted.

"The Germans attacked at dawn after an all-night artillery barrage," the colonel said. "We knew they were coming but we didn't know where or when or how many."

"My regiment was spread over 10 miles and the whole reinforced German division hit us. At the end of the first day the Germans had penetrated into our lines for nearly a mile. That night they even infiltrated into our artillery positions a good distance behind the lines."

"For 48 hours we were in a desperate position but by a miracle the boys held on. We had cooks and company clerks and MP's fighting in the line. I had called divisional headquarters and told them I urgently needed reserves. They sent 60 MP's."

Detroit Trotskyites, Reutherites Try to Incite General CIO Strike

By HARRY FAIRARU

DETROIT, Dec. 22. — A plot against the war effort unfolded here last night in a call for a general CIO strike made at a meeting sponsored by Trotskyite and Reutherite foes of the no-strike pledge.

Ben Garrison, of Local 400 United Automobile Workers, and chief advocate of scrapping the no-strike pledge at the UAW Grand Rapids convention, proposed that a "labor holiday" be called immediately by all the CIO unions in the Detroit area to help the Montgomery Ward strike. Wide publicity and spot announcements over the radio were given to the treasonous plea. The patriotic action of the Detroit and Wayne County Council CIO, in condemning Sewell Avery's civil war and reaffirming the no-strike pledge, received no publicity.

In the face of the tremendous sacrifices made by our armies on the western front and in view of the critical situation there, union leaders termed Garrison's proposal "treason against the country and the labor movement." Garrison's proposal for a general strike was ruled out of order by Jack McGuire, chairman of the meeting and president of Lincoln Local 900, UAW-CIO, not because it was treasonous but because the meeting had no authority to give order to CIO local unions.

This meeting, in the opinion of many leaders, is also a sign of "desperation" following the trouncing the Trotskyites received at the Council's meeting Tuesday night. Their unconcern for the welfare of the Montgomery-Ward workers was further proven by Garrison's proposal, and by the meeting's action which called on the locals to withhold the per capita tax payment to the Wayne County Council.

While this meeting was going on at Local 157 hall, another section of this gang, the so-called "Greater Detroit Rank and File Caucus" met at Carpathia Hall, to plan the strategy of smashing the no-strike pledge, according to William Jenkins, president of Local 490, and spokesman for the rescinders of the no-strike

It becomes more and more apparent that the Montgomery-Ward strike is one phase in the subversive activities of the Trotskyites and other allied elements against the CIO policies and the war. The picket lines are in the main manned and led by the Trotskyites and Reutherites. Briggs Local 212, UAW, is very prominent in the picket line leadership, and so are August Scholle's followers like Morosco and McCreedy. Scholle, regional director of the CIO, continuing to violate the CIO policies, urged those present at the meeting to enforce the picket lines.

Japanese Say 100 B-29s Hit Nagoya

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP).—A fleet of Superfortresses which the Japanese estimated to number 100 attacked Nagoya on the main Japanese island of Honshu today, dropping record bomb loads in another step of the campaign to destroy the enemy's aircraft industry.

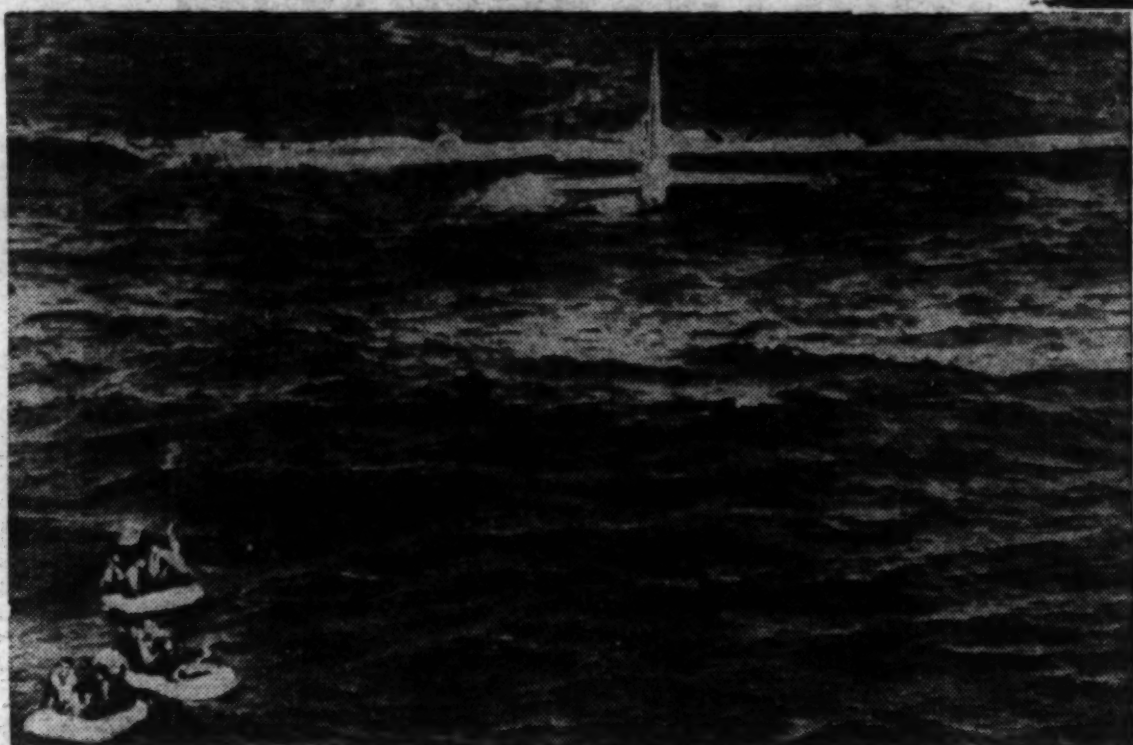
It was the third attack on Nagoya in nine elapsed days by the Salpan-based Superfortresses of the 21st Bomber Command, carried out in coordination with the 20th Superfortress Bomber Command, based on China, which has attacked Omura in southwestern Japan five times. Nagoya and Omura are Japan's biggest aircraft production centers.

WPB Will Cut Production of Passenger Tires

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The War Production Board today reduced production of passenger car tires during the next three months by 3,000,000 and warned "A" card motorists that they must continue to ride on their present tires for a "good part" of next year.

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On bobbing life rafts in the Pacific Ocean, members of a crew of B-29, forced down at sea after raiding Nagoya, Japan, wave to a Navy PBY search plane which took this photo. The B-29 floats half-submerged in the background.

The Veteran Commander

THE CHIEF SPEAKS

THE complete text of Gen. Eisenhower's order-of-the-day has not been published at this writing, but it can be said in advance that it is simple, clear and human.

The sentence which is obviously of the greatest interest has been relayed here. Here it is:

"By rushing out of his fixed defenses the enemy may give us a chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. . . . The enemy is gambling everything, but already in this battle your gallantry has done much to foil his plan. . . . With God's help go forward to our greatest victory."

Rundstedt's gamble was a gamble, but it was inevitable because the attrition of the Battle of the Frontiers was too much for German arms. Rundstedt knew that his precious reserve would be frittered away piecemeal. On the other hand he stood in a fortified zone which had been especially designed as a defensive-offensive zone (like the famous Mannerheim Line) and the temptation to jump off from it for a massive blow with all he had at his disposal must have been overwhelming. But precisely because Rundstedt rushed out of the fortified zone, he created prerequisites for his worst defeat.

It seems clear now that: (1) The northern shoulder of the Belgian gap is holding fast and the enemy has not progressed in the direction of the Aachen-Liege line. (2) The main spearhead has been blunted at Stavelot and a German panzer division appears to be trapped on the Ambleve River. (3) The German thrust into Luxembourg, while seemingly not checked yet, is heading for a direction where it cannot yield strategic results unless it penetrates scores of miles further.

These results have been attained thanks to the gallantry of American troops. The German plan of cutting off the British from the Americans and press the former into the sea (not unlike Ludendorff's plan in March-May, 1918) appears to have been foiled.

The probabilities of victory in a battle of encirclement and annihilation today appear much greater than they were when we first came out on these pages with a statement of absolute confidence in the outcome of the battle.

Now the question must arise in many minds: Why did Rundstedt take the chance? The answer is expressed in an Italian proverb: "Fa come vuoi e te ne ripentirai" ("Do as you please and you will be sorry"). If he had sat in the Siegfried Line he would have been bled white in the end. If he sallied forth from it he would be almost certainly crushed in the open. But still, the latter solution offered a gambler's chance, and he took it. Professionally speaking, who would blame him?

However, it must not be forgotten that even in case of complete victory, our human and material losses will be great. Many stores so patiently accumulated will have been overrun and destroyed. All this will have to be replenished and restored so our troops can take the offensive after crushing the German army group now rampaging in Belgium and frustrate the German hopes that, at worst, their gamble will produce a winter stalemate.

Again and again we repeat that confidence in victory and complacency are not the same thing. The home front will have to take more cuts in comforts, if not necessities. When we feel like smoking a cigarette we haven't got, let us think of tanks going up in smoke on the slopes of the Ardennes.

